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LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

LIS 313: Reference and Information Services (2 Units) Status: Compulsory
2025/2025 Academic Session First Semester

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Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the students should be able to:

- i. Explain the evolution, theory and objectives of reference and information services
- ii. Enumerate and explain different types of reference questions
- iii. Identify the tools for offering reference and information services
- iv. Enumerate the qualities reference and information services personnel should possess
- v. Explain the techniques of literature searching
- vi. Identify types of reference and information services
- vii. Explain abstracting and indexing, current awareness, selective dissemination of information, and translation services
- viii. Explain reference and information services as performed in different types of libraries
- ix. Discuss organization and evaluation of reference and information services
- x. Explain reference and information services in the digital environment
- xi. Establish the status of reference and information services in Nigerian libraries
- xii. Do practical reference work

Course Content

Week 1: Evolution, theory and objectives of reference and information services.

Week 2: Reference questions; Tools for offering reference and information services.

Week 3-4: Reference and information services personnel. Techniques of literature searching.

Week 5-6: Types of reference and information services; Abstracting and indexing services.

Week 7-8: Current awareness. SDI and translation services, etc.

Week 9: Reference and information services in different types of libraries.

Week 10: Organization and evaluation of reference and information services.

Week 11-12 Reference and information services in the digital environment.

Week 13: Status of reference and information services in Nigerian Libraries.

Week 14: Practical

Week 15: Revision

Recommended Textbooks

Melissa A. Wong, Laura Saunders (2024) Reference and Information Services: An Introduction

Library and Information Science Text Series. Seventh Edition. Bloomsbury Publishing.

Cassell, Kay A. and Hiremath, Uma (2018). Reference and Information Services: An Introduction Fourth edition. | Chicago : ALA Neal-Schuman.

Connor, Elizabeth (2006) An Introduction to Reference Services in Academic Libraries
Routledge, 2006